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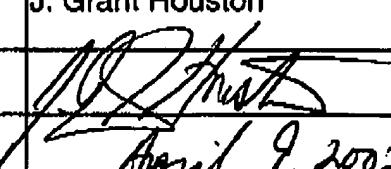
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In Re: Flanders, *et al.*

Serial No: 09/757,856

Group: 3742

Filed: January 11, 2001

Examiner: Jeffery, John A.

For: Method and System for Feedback Control of  
Optical Fiber Lens Fusing**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111****Assistant Commission for Patents**  
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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed January 16, 2002 (Paper No. 4), Applicants hereby amend the above-captioned application and request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**In the Claims:***Please cancel claim 13 and amend claims 1, 2, 8, and 10, as follows:*

*(SAC)*

*A1*

1. (amended) A method for fusing an optical fiber lens, comprising:  
injecting light into an optical fiber;  
detecting a diffraction pattern of the light exiting from a fiber lens at a proximal end of the optical fiber; and  
electro-fusing the fiber lens in response to a two-dimensional distribution of the diffraction pattern.
2. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of injecting the light into the optical fiber comprises energizing a laser that is coupled to a distal end of the optical fiber.
8. (amended) A system for fusing an optical fiber lens, comprising:  
a light source that injects light into an optical fiber;